

Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & FIU at I-75

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

March 16, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Malak, Arts, Sciences & Education/ Speaker of Senate
Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Management/ Interim IA
Diamond Barnett, Health Services Administration
Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division/ Speaker Pro Tempore
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication + Journalism
Ronald Luque, Lower Division/ Rules, Legislation & Judiciary
Melissa Hernandez, Lower Division/ Student Advocacy
Ana Soler, At-Large
Nicole Alva, At-Large
Doreen Jean-Jacques, At-Large
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

EXCUSED

Stephanie Morisset, Arts, Sciences & Education/ Finance Chair

GUEST

Ednise Davilien, SGA Front Desk Assistant
Larissa James, SGA Advisor
Kaila Jospitre, SGA Graduate Assistant
Keanu Orfano, Chief Justice
Brian Levine, Bayview Hall Council Vice President
Pamela Ho Fung, President

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on **March 16, 2020** via **Zoom**. The meeting was called to order at **3:37 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

WELCOME

Speaker Malak stated a greeting

SPEAKER'S REPORT

Speaker Malak...

- According to our last in-person meeting, the Elections have been postponed until further notice. We discussed changes that we would like to see at BBC
- E-board meetings are held on Wednesdays. It is open to everyone
- We are in the second readings of the legislation process
- Committee meetings will be held via Zoom

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Balfour...

- Will move forward with initiative with Senator Gordon
- Will keep senate updated on Elections

SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings with transportation and student affairs were scheduled to pass the legislation. However, these meetings have been postponed indefinitely

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ms. James...

- I am working remotely. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact me
- The SGA office will be closed until April 4, 2020
- FIU is licensed with Zoom. You can login in with you FIU credentials and set up your own Zoom meetings
- Some offices are holding events via ZOOM
- SGA Elections are canceled until further notice

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS REPORT

Ms. Jospitre...

- If you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact me

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ho Fung...

- Special BBC leadership tomorrow, March 17, 2020. Will keep senate updated via group chat
- General meeting next week via Zoom
- Will figure out best way to conduct Elections

R.L.J REPORT

Senator Luque...

- General meeting will be held next week
- Will go over resolutions, including the transport resolution, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 Senator Soler and Senator Doughty are set to be approved

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

Senator Hernandez...

Student Advocacy meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020. The legislation has already been sent

SENATOR'S REPORT

Senator Barnett...

- Adjusting to remote learning
- Elections have been postponed

Senator Gordon...

- No report

Senator Doughty...

- No report

Senator Jean-Jacques...

- No report

Senator Alva...

- No report

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the minutes for March 9, 2020

Senator Doughty moved to approve the minutes. Senator Barnett seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Second Reading Resolution 2020.0004

a. Senator Doughty present

Senator Soler moved to vote. Senator Hernandez seconded

Roll Call Vote

Senator Jean-Jacques: yea

Senator Alva: yea

Senator Soler: yea

Senator Hernandez: yea

Senator Luque: yea

Senator Gordon: yea

Pro Speaker Hernandez: yea

Senator Barnett: yea
Speaker Malak: yea

Total: 9-0-0. Resolution 2020.0004 passed

B. Second Reading Resolution 2020.0005

a. Senator Soler present

Senator Doughty moved to vote. Senator Barnett seconded

Roll Call Vote

Senator Jean-Jacques: yea
Senator Alva: yea
Senator Hernandez: yea
Senator Luque: yea
Senator Gordon: yea
Pro Speaker Hernandez: yea
Senator Barnett: yea
Senator Doughty: yea
Speaker Malak: yea

Total: 9-0-0. Resolution 2020.0005 passed

C. First Reading Resolution 2020.0006

Senator Hernandez presented the resolution

Q/A

- Senator Barnett: I believe that there is already an app in place for transportation services; however, I do not know the name of the app. Nonetheless, this is a good resolution
- Speaker Malak: Did you want to improve the current app or create an entirely new app? à A new app might be better
- Speaker Malak: Please get student feedback. The second reading will be held next meeting Senator Soler: I motion to amend the resolution to be added as a sponsor à motion approved
- Senator Luque: I motion to amend the resolution to be added as a sponsor à motion approved

D. SGA Budget 2020-2021

Q/A

- Senator Doughty: Concerned about student engagement. How will BayView be affected if they will receive zero funds?

- Senator Barnett: Last meeting, it was discussed that there is currently an empty position for Housing Senator. Perhaps a BayView resident can fill the position
- Senator Soler: How does the budget compare to last year?
 - This year, we have suffered budget cuts. The budget has been strategically cut where funds have been balanced.
- Ms. James: Not sure if Bayview can function as a regular council.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Jean-Jacques: Yea

Senator Alva: yea

Senator Soler: yea

Senator Hernandez: yea

Senator Luque: yea

Pro Speaker Hernandez: yea

Senator Barnett: yea

Senator Doughty: yea

Speaker Malak: yea

Total: 9-0-0. SGA Budget approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Career Bootcamp, March 17, 2020

- 11am-11:50am, <https://tinyurl.com/vz9art2>
- **Senate Meeting, April 23, 2020**
 - 3:30pm-5:30pm, Via Zoom ID: 412 326 966
- **General Meeting, March 25, 2020**
 - 3:30pm-5:30, VIA Zoom. ID: 671 383 702
- **Senate Meeting, April 30, 2020**
 - 3:30pm-5:30pm, Via Zoom ID: 716 040 276

Senator Barnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Hernandez seconded

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Malak at 4:57 pm